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**REGULATORY PARTNERING WORKSHOP PLANNED**

*Hosted by SFWMD on August 18*

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Aug. 10, 2006) – The South Florida Water Management District will present a Regulatory Partnering Workshop Friday, Aug. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Florida Gulf Coast University.

The workshop will provide engineers, agency/regulatory personnel, planners, owners/developers, governmental code enforcers and environmental consultants with practical information on working with the District.

“This interactive workshop is being presented to constructively improve the way we do business,” said Robert Brown, the District’s director of regulation, and the workshop’s organizer. “This workshop will be filled with information including an update on e-permitting!”

Other topics scheduled to be covered are updates on rule-making initiatives, construction certification backlog, as well as a status report on the Collier County Service Center.

“This workshop is the first in a series on the west coast,” added Rhonda Haag, director of the District’s Lower West Coast Service Center. “Also scheduled to be discussed are topics for future regularly scheduled forums. We want to hear from our partners in the regulatory community on how we can work better together.”

The workshop will be held in Academic Building 5, Room 112 at FGCU, 10501 FGCU Boulevard South in Fort Myers. Registration opens at 8 a.m. with a complimentary continental breakfast. There is no cost to attend.

For more information or to register, call (239) 277-6295 or e-mail sarnold@gravinasmith.com.

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*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*